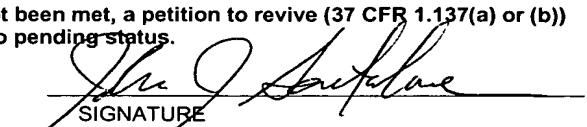


FORM PTO-1390 (Modified) U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (REV. 12-2004)		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER Umicore 0155-US
TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>To be assigned 10/564794</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP2004/007794	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 14 July 2004	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 14 July 2003; 30 October 2003
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>MEMBRANE ELECTRODE ASSEMBLY FOR USE IN ELECTROCHEMICAL DEVICES</b>		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US <b>ZUBER, Ralf; SCHAACK, Klaus; WITTPAHL, Sandra; DZIALLAS, Holger; SEIPEL, Peter; VULPIUS, Gunther; DILLMAN, Bernd</b>		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (24) indicated below.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ol> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> </ol> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li>d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ol> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report (PCT/IPEA/409).</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210).</li> </ol>		
Items 13 to 23 below concern document(s) or information included:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <b>FIRST</b> preliminary amendment.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> preliminary amendment.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Express Mail Label No. <b>EV279585284 US</b></li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Copy of PCT Request form PCT/RO/101</li> <li>- Application Data Sheet</li> <li>- Two Notices of Applicant/Inventor Change</li> </ul> </li> </ol>		

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24. The following fees are submitted: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a) Basic national fee ..... \$300.00 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b) Examination fee ..... \$200.00 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c) Search fee ..... \$500.00					
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = \$1000.00</b>					
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.					
Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole)		RATE	
25 - 100 =	0 /50 =	0		x \$250.00	\$ <b>\$0.00</b>
Surcharge of <b>\$130.00</b> for furnishing the oath or declaration later than months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).					
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE		
Total claims	1 - 20 =	0	x \$50.00	\$ <b>\$0.00</b>	
Independent claims	1 - 3 =	0	x \$200.00	\$ <b>\$0.00</b>	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> + \$360.00					
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = \$1,000.00</b>					
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.					
<b>SUBTOTAL = \$1,000.00</b>					
Processing fee of <b>\$130.00</b> for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).					
<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE = \$1,000.00</b>					
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40 per property + \$ <b>\$0.00</b>					
<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED = \$1,000.00</b>					
Amount to be refunded: <input type="checkbox"/> \$ Amount to be charged: <input type="checkbox"/> \$					
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of <b>\$1,000.00</b> to cover the above fees is enclosed. b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of _____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is _____ c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <b>11-0171</b> . A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. <b>WARNING:</b> Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.					
NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status.					
SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:  John J. Santalone, Esq. Kalow & Springutt LLP 488 Madison Avenue 19th Floor New York, New York 10022 Tel: (212) 813-1600					
 SIGNATURE <b>John J. Santalone</b> NAME <b>32,794</b> REGISTRATION NUMBER					